

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Takeshi (nmi) Hoshida et al.  
Serial No.: 09/853,323  
Filing Date: May 10, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2633  
Confirmation No.: 5870  
Examiner: Agustin Bello  
Title: Method and System for Transmitting Information in an  
Optical Communication System Using Distributed  
Amplification

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

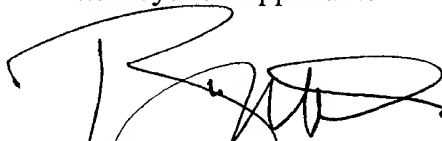
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed July 7, 2006 finally rejecting Claims 1-26.

This application is filed on behalf of a large entity.

**REMARKS**

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